

STATE OF CALIFORNIA
California Energy Commission
Minutes of the February 28, 2013, Energy Commission Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 by Commissioner Robert B. Weisenmiller. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Weisenmiller.

Present:

Robert B. Weisenmiller
Karen Douglas, Commissioner

J. Andrew McAllister, Commissioner
David Hochschild, Commissioner

Chair Weisenmiller and Commissioners Douglas and McAllister welcomed Commissioner David Hochschild to his first Business Meeting since his appointment to the Commission.

1. CONSENT CALENDAR. (Items on the Consent Calendar will be taken up and voted on as a group. A commissioner may request that an item be moved and discussed later in the meeting.)
 - a. DIGITAL ENERGY, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 4 to Contract 400-07-026 with Digital Energy, Inc. for a six month no-cost time extension to September 30, 2013. This contract provides technical assistance and support to the Energy Commission's Bright Schools, Energy Partnership, and Energy Efficiency Financing Programs. (ECAA funding) Contact: Joji Castillo.
 - b. KEMA, Inc. Possible approval of Amendment 2 to Contract 600-09-012 with KEMA, Inc. for a six month no-cost time extension to December 31, 2013. This time extension will allow KEMA, Inc. to assess regional economic impacts of the Energy Commission's American Recovery and Reinvestment Act programs. (ERPA funding) Contact: Monica Rudman.
 - c. ICF JONES & STOKES, INC. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Contract 600-10-012 with ICF Jones & Stokes, Inc., for a four month no-cost time extension to July 31, 2013. The contract is to assist local governments in developing energy assurance plans based on federal, state and local guidelines. (ARRA funding) Contact: David Michel.
 - d. SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION. Possible approval of Amendment 1 to Loan Agreement 002-10-ECC with the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) for a 17-month no-cost time extension to December 31, 2014. This time extension will allow SFPUC to complete the upgrade of its streetlights from high pressure sodium to LED lighting. This amendment will not alter the loan amount, total project costs, energy cost savings, or payback period. (ECAA funding) Contact: Joji Castillo.
 - e. BEVILACQUA-KNIGHT, INC. Possible approval of Contract 600-12-007 for \$87,800 with Bevilacqua-Knight, Inc. (BKI) for a one-year membership in the California Fuel Cell Partnership (CaFCP). BKI facilitates and coordinates the efforts of the CaFCP, including operational, financial, and project management. In addition to membership (participation in the Working Group, Station Implementation Group, and committees), the Energy Commission will have a seat on the CaFCP's Steering Committee. (ARFVTP funding) Contact: Jennifer Masterson.

Commissioner Hochschild recused himself from consideration of Item 1d in view of the use of Public Utilities Commission facilities for his recent swearing-in ceremony. Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner McAllister seconded approval of the Consent Calendar with the exception of Item 1d. The vote was unanimous.

Commissioner Hochschild then left the room. Commissioner McAllister moved and Commissioner Douglas seconded approval of Item 1d. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Following the vote, Commissioner Hochschild returned to the dais.

2. ENERGY COMMISSION COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS. Possible approval of appointments to the Energy Commission's Standing Committees and Siting Case Committees. Contact: Kevin Barker. (5 minutes)

No action was taken on Item 2.

3. PALEN SOLAR ELECTRIC GENERATING SYSTEM AMENDMENT (09-AFC-7C). Possible change in the siting case committee for the Palen Solar Electric Generating System Amendment. Contact: Raoul Renaud. (5 minutes)

Chair Weisenmiller proposed to appoint Commissioner Hochschild as associate member of the siting committee for the Palen project, with Commissioner Douglas to remain as presiding member. Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner McAllister seconded approval of the appointment. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

4. CALIFORNIA AIR RESOURCES BOARD. Possible approval of Contract 600-12-004 with the California Air Resources Board for an interagency agreement in the amount of \$4,500,000 to provide funding for the Clean Vehicle Rebate Project for qualified electric drive vehicles. (ARFVTP funding) Contact: Jennifer Masterson. (5 minutes)

Commissioner McAllister left the room after recusing himself from consideration of Item 4 in view his former employment with the California Center for Sustainable Energy and that organization's role in the distribution of funds on behalf of the Air Resources Board.

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Hochschild seconded approval of Item 4. The vote was unanimous. (3-0)

Following the vote, Commissioner McAllister returned to the dais.

5. MENDOTA BIOENERGY, LLC. Possible approval of Grant Agreement ARV-12-033 for \$4,998,399 with Mendota Bioenergy, LLC to design, construct, and operate the Advanced Biorefinery Center-Mendota Integrated Demonstration Plant. The project includes a 12-month harvest plan for 10,000 tons of energy beets and advanced enzyme and microbial conversion of the feedstock to 285,000 gallons of 200-proof advanced biofuel ethanol. The project also supports the design of a future 40 million gallons per year Advanced Biorefinery Center in Mendota, CA. (ARFVTP funding) Contact: Bill Kinney. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner Hochschild seconded approval of Item 5. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

6. COUNTY OF INYO. Possible approval of Loan Agreement 007-12-ECD with the County of Inyo for a loan of \$992,054 to install 426 kilowatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) at its Courthouse Annex, Adult Jail, and Juvenile Hall. The solar PV systems are estimated to produce a total of 640,200 kilowatt-hours annually, which translates to

approximately \$76,312 of annual cost savings for County of Inyo. The payback period is 13 years based on the loan amount. (ECAA funding) Contact: Cheng Moua. (5 minutes)

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner McAllister seconded approval of Item 6. The vote was unanimous. (4-0)

7. **Minutes:** Possible approval of the February 13, 2013, Business Meeting Minutes.

Commissioner Douglas moved and Commissioner McAllister seconded approval of the Minutes. The vote was 3-0-1. Commissioner Hochschild abstained.

8. **Lead Commissioner or Presiding Member Reports.**

Chair Weisenmiller reported that he and Commissioner McAllister attended Long-Term Resource Adequacy Summit, co-hosted by the California Public Utilities Commission and the California Independent System Operator in San Francisco, and that he participated in the recent Hoover Institution event at Stanford University.

9. **Chief Counsel's Report:** None

10. **Executive Director's Report.** None

11. **Public Adviser's Report.** None

12. **Public Comment:** Mr. William C. Pucheu

Appearances:

Mr. Peter Christensen, California Air Resources Board

Mr. William Pucheu, Mendota Bioenergy, LLC

Mr. Jim Tatum, Inyo County (by telephone)

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRIET KALLEMEYN
Secretary to the Commission